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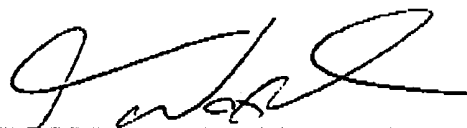
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Title: SIDE-EMITTING ROD FOR USE WITH AN LED-BASED LIGHT ENGINE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002,
Applicants submit the following remarks.

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REMARKS

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This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 4, 2002. Claims 1-19 remain pending in this application. Claims 1 and 19 are the independent claims. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

On the merits, the Office Action rejected Claims 1-5, 7, and 17-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawahara et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,810,463; hereinafter "Kawahara") in view of Schumacher et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,921,670; hereinafter "Schumacher"). The Office Action also rejected Claims 8-11, 13 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawahara in view of Schumacher as applied to Claim 2 and further in view of

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